

CALLS CENSORSHIP OF MOVIES ONE HUGE JOKE

Roy D. Keehn, lawyer for Essanay film company, told council judiciary committee today that in effect the board of censors over movie films is a joke and has no standing in law. He read from the state laws of Illinois to show that Chief Healey is the only official authorized to run any censor business. And he read U. S. supreme court decisions to show that Funkhouser as second deputy superintendent of police is in the same position as the commissioner of lands is to the sec'y of the interior.

Chief Healey is boss over what will or won't run in the movie houses and Funkhouser is a secretary or a messenger boy and Chief Healey can kick over anything Funkhouser does and the law is with Chief Healey, according to Att'y Keehn.

Keehn admitted under questions from Ald. Buck that he is attorney for Hearst's Examiner. Letters were read by Keehn in which George Clark, city editor Herald, L. Stanton, managing editor Examiner, Ashton Stevens, drama critic Examiner, Rev. John Brushingham, and Chas. Michaelson, scenario director Essanay Co., all say "The Little Girl Next Door" is a clean film and ought to show. Michaelson and Clark, Keehn said when questioned, are former Examiner employees.

Judiciary committee is working on an ordinance to cinch Major Funkhouser's place legally. Some aldermen don't like the way Mayor Thompson took away from Funkhouser all censoring powers over "The Little Girl Next Door." The mayor's special censors for this film were Chief Healey, Comptroller Pike and Mrs. Pike, Rev. Brushingham and a committee from Brushingham's church, Keehn stated.

"I have here the published advertising bulletin of a film called 'Virtu,' and passed by Major Funkhouser," said Keehn. "It shows dis-

orderly scenes in a house of prostitution more extreme than 'The Little Girl Next Door.'

ORPET DENIES CELL VISIT FROM CELESTE YOUNKER

Will Orpet today branded as a lie the story published in the Chicago Tribune that Miss Celeste Youker, his second sweetheart, yesterday visited him in his cell in the Waukegan jail.

Orpet's attorney declared that Miss Youker nor any other woman but the lad's mother had ever visited the accused in the jail.

The Tribune story had Miss Youker visit Orpet, kiss him through the cell bars and pledge her love and belief in his innocence. It was accompanied by a picture showing Orpet looking from his old love, Marian Lambert, with hope to the new, Miss Youker.

Judge Donnelly does not think the letters written by Miss Youker to Orpet should be read in court.

"They are full of sentiment and endearment," said Judge Donnelly. "The girl pours out her heart in them, and I don't think such personal letters should be read by anyone but the sweetheart to whom they were addressed."

GERMANS BELIEVE CAPTURE OF VERDUN IS CERTAIN

Berlin, May 20.—Germans regard the fall of Verdun as one of the certainties of the war. They have, however, no extravagant ideas that the taking of the French citadel will result in the collapse of the allies.

Despite announcements from Paris and London that the German offensive at Verdun has ended definitely in defeat, the German lines continue to draw more tightly about the fortress.

Lillian and Grace Collins, arrested in connection with shooting of Chas. Kikutis and Stewart Moss, deny they knew men or know anything of the shooting.